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• One reason U.S. air strikes against Hanoi and Haiphong didn't come off earlier as the Joint Chiefs advised, say informed sources, is that Assistant Secretary of State William Bundy was strongly advised against them back in June by Chester Ronning, a 71-year-old retired Canadian diplomat who, after making two secret trips to Hanoi, somehow became Canada's special peace emissary. Ronning is said to have high contacts in Peking and Hanoi, but an air of mystery surrounds his trips since nobody knows whom he talked to or what was said. The Canadian government wouldn't let on in public, but the U.S. found out, and disapproved. Under Secretary of State George Ball declared, in a statement that has caused much controversy, that Ronning brought back nothing encouraging. Ronning is a life-long Socialist and was Canadian *chargé d'affaires* in China when the Communists took over. He recommended even then that Canada recognize the Communists. He is convinced that China has no intention of spreading its influence by arms. He believes that the Vietnam war must be stopped immediately. From 1951 to 1953, Ronning was "head" of Eastern affairs in the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa, at the same time that Herbert Norman was "chief" in that department, which means that the two were running the Far Eastern foreign policy of Canada. Norman committed suicide when the U.S. Senate Internal Security Subcommittee uncovered evidence of his extensive Communist background. Shortly thereafter, Lester Pearson lost his first race for the prime ministership in part because he tried to cover up for Norman, and failed.